

encourage students to seek out knowledge and understanding of foreign affairs and cultures, but also to encourage career exploration in the international arena, especially among minority students.

On November 20, 2004, Patricia Eaton will be honored in Washington, D.C. for the impact her life and work has had on her students in the U.S., the people who came to know her in Africa through her decades of work there, and everyone else who has been fortunate enough to have her in their lives. On this day we take time not only to honor her memory, but also to give thanks for the spirit of giving and mutual understanding that shaped her work in life, and that will continue to impact the lives of future generations for years to come. On behalf of the 9th Congressional District and the District of Columbia, we salute the life and work of Pat Eaton. Her example is a true inspiration, and she will be greatly missed by all.

SHEILA SUESS KENNEDY'S INDIANAPOLIS STAR ARTICLE: "WE THE PEOPLE BELIEVE IN VALUES"

HON. JULIA CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, November 20, 2004

Ms. CARSON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, it is with pleasure that I submit the attached article, "We the People Believe in Values" for inclusion in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. This article was written by Sheila Suess Kennedy, associate professor of law and public policy at the Indiana University School of Public and Environmental Affairs in Indianapolis. It originally appeared in the November 15, 2004 edition of the Indianapolis Star.

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WE THE PEOPLE BELIEVE IN VALUES
(Sheila Suess Kennedy)

Pundits tell us that voters came out on Nov. 2 to vote for "values." They sure didn't vote for mine.

Let me be quite explicit about my values, which are shared by millions of others—values that infuse the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution and the Bill of Rights, values that are absolutely central to what it means to be American.

We believe in justice and civil liberties—in equal treatment and fair play for all citizens, whether or not we agree with them or like them or approve of their life choices.

We believe that no one is above the law—and that includes those who run our government.

We believe that dissent can be the highest form of patriotism. Those who care about America enough to speak out against policies they believe to be wrong or corrupt are not only exercising their rights as citizens, they are discharging their civic responsibilities.

We believe that playing to the worst of our fears and prejudices, using "wedge issues" to marginalize gays, or blacks, or "East Coast liberals" (a time-honored code word for Jews) in the pursuit of political advantage is un-American and immoral.

We believe, as Garry Wills recently wrote, in "critical intelligence, tolerance, respect for evidence, a regard for the secular sciences."

We believe, to use the language of the Nation's Founders, in "a decent respect for the

opinions of mankind" (even European mankind).

We believe in the true heartland of this country, where people struggle to provide for their families, dig deep into their pockets to help the less fortunate, and understand their religions to require good will and loving kindness.

We believe that self-righteousness is the enemy of righteousness.

We really do believe that the way you play the game is more important, in the end, than whether you win or lose. We really do believe that the ends don't justify the means.

In our America, borrowing from our grandchildren so that we can pay for a costly war without taxing the president's buddies and campaign contributors is not moral.

Dividing the Nation into red and blue, gay and straight, moral and immoral, welcome and unwelcome, is not moral. Excusing our own sins by pointing to the sins of others—torturing people, or engaging in "holy war" because "they" do it too, is not moral. Lying—about sex or weapons of mass destruction or an opponent's war record—is not moral.

On Election Day, claimants of the "values" label came to the precinct where my youngest son was working to "vote against the queers."

In my precinct, when I handed a Democratic slate to a voter, he accused me of being a "friend of Osama." A friend's son registering voters for Baron Hill in a church was called a "fag lover."

The people who live in my America need to reclaim the vocabulary of patriotism and values from those who have hijacked the language in service of something very different.

DEATH OF CHARLES W. CHERRY, SR.

HON. CORRINE BROWN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, November 20, 2004

Ms. CORRINE BROWN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart to pay my respects to Charles W. Cherry.

I was extremely saddened upon hearing the news of the death of Mr. Charles Cherry. I knew Mr. Cherry since my days at college, and fondly remember him as an outstanding civil rights advocate, and a fighter for the civil rights of the African American community. Mr. Cherry was, most of all, an extremely effective community leader, and always stood up for the poor and the underprivileged, even in the most adverse circumstances.

On a biographical note, I think it is important to recognize that Charles and his family were the founders of the Daytona Times, an influential weekly African American community newspaper, and a Member of The City Council. Additionally, Mr. Cherry should also be recognized as being only the second African-American student to receive both a Juris Doctor and an MBA from The University of Florida.

He was an activist and an entrepreneur who fervently believed that underprivileged communities thrive when offered economic opportunity.

He moved to Daytona Beach in 1952 and became active in the civil rights movement, participating in sit-ins and other efforts in the 1960s to bring about integration.

He became president of the Volusia County branch of the NAACP in 1971, was president

of the State of Florida NAACP from 1974 to 1984, and later headed the local chapter again. He served on the NAACP's national board for 12 years starting in 1977.

All Floridians are grateful for the leadership he provided and will miss his presence and persistence when it came to the issues he championed.

I will miss him dearly, and his family will remain in my thoughts and prayers.

IN RECOGNITION OF OLYMPIC
GOLD MEDALIST HEATHER
O'REILLY

HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, November 20, 2004

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Heather O'Reilly, one of America's most talented rising soccer players and student-athletes. Heather has been a vital member of the U.S. national soccer team and the University of North Carolina soccer team.

Heather, along with her teammates, earned the 2004 Olympic Gold medal in soccer. During the semifinal game against Germany, Heather netted the key goal in overtime, sending the team into the Olympic gold medal soccer finals. She has been apart of the national team since 2002 and has scored over eighteen goals.

Born in East Brunswick, New Jersey, on January 2, 1985, Heather lived with her parents, Andrew and Carol O'Reilly and three brothers. She attended East Brunswick High School, where she played soccer and basketball. Heather is one of New Jersey's finest players; she was All-Conference, All-County, and All-State all four years. She was a three-time NSCAA All-American and a Parade All-America. As a senior, Heather was the Parade National Player of the Year and the Gatorade National High School Girl's Soccer Player of the Year. She scored 143 goals in High School and led the Lady Bears to a state championship in 2001. She was the top soccer college recruit in the country.

At the University of North Carolina, despite suffering an injury, Heather helped lead the Tar Heels to a perfect record (27-0-0) and a Division I NCAA Championship. She earned All-American honors and named Freshman Player of the Year from numerous soccer organizations across the country. On November 13, 2004, she tied the NCAA tournament record for most assists in a game in the Tar Heels' quest for another championship.

Apart from playing soccer, Heather is a model student-athlete. While in high school, Heather was a member of National Honor Society and now as a college student, she continues to maintain a strong grade point average.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the entire 12th district of New Jersey, I would like to recognize Heather O'Reilly for her Olympic gold medal in soccer, and commend her for representing the state of New Jersey and our country with pride and excellence.